

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:250
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2017
Accident in GAIL Gas Pipeline
Pandula Dr. Ravindra Babu

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided relief/compensation to the injured/those burnt and deceased families in an explosion in a gas pipeline of Gas Authority of India Limited on 27 June, 2014 near Amalapuram;
(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of families compensated so far and the steps taken to provide compensation to all victims; and
(c) the concrete steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.250 ASKED BY DR. RAVINDRA BABU, MP TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 20, 2017

(a) & (b): GAIL has provided relief/ compensation to the injured/ burnt and families of those persons who died in a gas pipeline explosion of GAIL (India) Limited on 27 June, 2014 near Amalapuram. Total payments including compensation made to the injured/ burnt and families of the deceased are as under:

(c): Amongst the existing mechanism to prevent such incidents, the following steps have been initiated by GAIL:

- i. Safety Audits are carried out by independent external agencies and internal multidisciplinary teams to find out gaps if any and the recommendations are complied with time bound manner.
- ii. Well-equipped Fire protection and Safety measures have been set up across all GAIL Sites. Roles & Responsibilities assigned at various levels. F&S Department at site is headed by qualified and experienced Fire & Safety professionals / Specialist. Safety performance of each installation is being reviewed by Office In-Charge of Installations. Well qualified Fire & Safety personnel deployed round the clock to ensure that all safety preventive measures are taken and to control any emergency.
- iii. Daily foot patrolling in populated/ urban centers and monthly foot patrolling of Lines at other locations to identify encroachments / suspicious activities, if any. Also, GPS based online tracking system for foot patrolling implemented.
- iv. Security clearances have been obtained for patrolling/monitoring of RoU/RoW for operation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) for surveillance of Pipeline.
- v. A Disaster Management Sub Group has been formed at Corporate Office, GAIL primarily to come together for mitigating the Crisis without any delay and taking all actions which are necessary arising out of the Crisis.
- vi. A Centralized Integrity Management Group (CIMG) has been established to closely monitor & maintain comprehensive pipeline database and coordinate the integrity management of pipelines across the Country.
- vii. Group SMS and voice telephony system have been implemented at all GAIL sites for faster communication during emergency.

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Description

Payments made (INR)

1

Ex-gratia payment to legal heirs of 22 deceased persons

5,50,00,000.00

2

Ex-gratia payment to 18 injured Persons

99,00,000.00

3

Medical Expenditure

97,67,452.00

4

Compensation towards loss of Public/Private Properties

1,52,31,430.00

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Compensation towards loss of Crop/Yeild/Live Stock

98,30,332.00

6

Other compensation

13,21,624.00

GRAND TOTAL

10,10,50,838.00